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Council urges CalPERS to divest & Gaza relief

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ARCATA – During a Monday, Sept. 15 special meeting, the Arcata City Council approved two measures related to Gaza/Palestine.

One was a letter to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) urging divestment "from companies and bonds that profit from weapons manufacturing, human rights violations, for-profit prisons, and immigration detention centers," and that it "reinvest in ethical and socially responsible funds aligned with justice, sustainability and human rights."

The second was Resolution No. 256-07, Supporting Immediate Safe, and Unhindered Delivery of Humanitarian Aid to Gaza.

The two measures fell short of what had been demanded by Palestine activists, who continue to press the council for creation of a Sister City relationship with Gaza City.

Commentary from the public at the meeting was polarized, and included both fervent support and staunch opposition. Advocates presented the pro-Palestine measures as a moral imperative for the city, which, they said, was compelled to use all its influence to cease enabling genocide in Gaza and to protect Palestinian and Arab community members. Opponents said the measures are a misstep resulting from double standards, demonizing democratic Israel, supporting terrorist Hamas and rewarding violence. Both sides claimed they enjoyed majority public support.

In fiery rhetoric that was at times differentiated only by the specific nouns employed, some advocates and opponents cast each other as dishonest propagandists,

CITY COUNCIL ◆ PAGE 3

City, Cal Poly, AFD to set fire cover goals

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ARCATA – Arcata can be a tough crowd, as a consultant re-learned Sept. 10 with a costly report on fire coverage deemed unhelpful by some at a meeting with the city, university and the fire district.

But by meeting's end, the stakeholders had put together an initial roadmap for cooperatively developing fire coverage standards, in anticipation of future development.

The occasion was a City Council study session with consultants AP Triton, the Arcata Fire District (AFD) and representatives from Cal Poly Humboldt at the district's downtown

Arcata station. The meeting was held in that less politically fraught space after protesters disrupted and eventually prevented the originally scheduled meeting from taking place at City Hall in late July.

Under the benevolent gaze of the late Fire Chief Archie Bernardi in his eponymous classroom, officials received the *Community Risk Assessment/Standards of Cover Study*. While devoid of shouting, swearing and chanting, the meeting nonetheless included pointed criticism of the report from an AFD board member and the public.

Representing AP Triton was David Rocha,

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SAMBA PARADE The fog lifted and the sun shined on the 51st North Country Fair, held last weekend on the Arcata Plaza. Along the fair's highlights was Sunday's upbeat, festive Samba Parade, led by Samba da Alegria and Samba do Mar. This year's theme was "Rise up!"

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County backing McK Town Center plan, road diet, but calls for comprehensive traffic study

Daniel Mintz

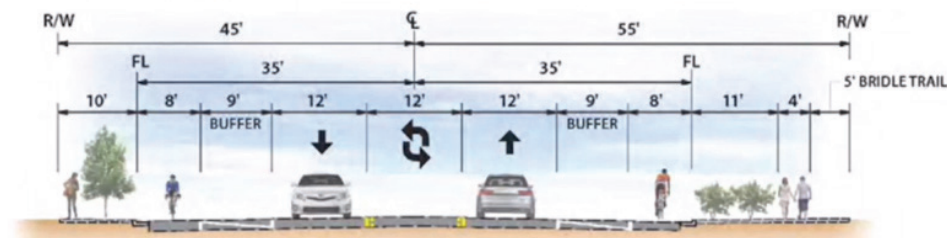
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McKINLEYVILLE – After almost six years of public review and debate, the McKinleyville Town Center Ordinance is headed to the county's Board of Supervisors for final approval.

But it's with a caveat: the Planning Commission recommends that the most contentious aspect of the town center plan, putting Central Avenue on a so-called "road diet," be held off until a "comprehensive traffic study" is done.

With that provision, the commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Town Center Ordinance and its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at its Sept. 18 meeting.

Seeking to establish what the county calls a "vi-



LANE REDUCTION CROSS SECTION Central Avenue on a road diet.

VIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

able town center" that encourages pedestrian and bicycle travel, the mixed use plan applies to the 134-acre area bordered by McKinleyville and Railroad avenues, Heartwood Drive and the eastern boundary of Pierson Park.

A new zoning overlay makes way for higher-density, multi-story development with a "community focal point" feel, moving away from suburban-style strip mall design.

The plan sets the stage

for up to 1,350 new housing units, described by Planning Director John Ford as a realistic estimate of what could be built on 54 acres of undeveloped land. The EIR evaluated a maximum of 2,650 units to ensure above-adequate impact analysis.

Ford said the EIR's development, wetland and open space evaluations

were main public response concerns.

But the redevelopment of Central Avenue is the biggest and most debated issue.

Now with four auto lanes and a center turn lane, Central Avenue is pared down to two auto lanes with a turn lane in the town center plan.

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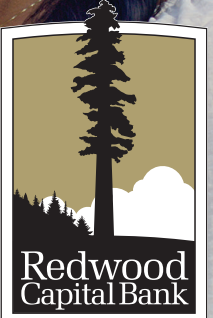
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KEET PBS
EUREKA – KEET PBS, the PBS station serving California’s Redwood Coast, announced last week that it will consolidate its broadcast operations to a single channel beginning Oct. 1.
The move comes in response to unprecedented federal funding cuts and urgent equipment needs, as KEET works to preserve its most essential services for the community.
Over the summer, KEET experienced a series of technical difficulties—including an extended broadcast outage and ongoing disruptions to its PBS KIDS channel—due to failures in aging transmission equipment and critical servers. While immediate repairs have restored the main signal, station leadership determined that a more sustainable, long-term solution was needed.
“As a small station with limited resources,

we face a stark reality,” says David Gordon, executive director of KEET. “With the loss of 50 percent of our federal grant funding and escalating costs to maintain and replace technical infrastructure, we had to make difficult choices to safeguard our mission.”
Beginning Oct. 1, KEET will broadcast exclusively on KEET HD (Channel 13.1). The additional channels—PBS KIDS, Create, FNX, and WORLD—will no longer be available. This decision follows months of careful review by KEET’s board and management, with the goal of preserving uninterrupted access to PBS’s trusted news, educational programming, and cultural content.
The transition includes the installation of a new automated master control system, designed to enhance reliability and streamline operations. Viewers may notice some temporary disruptions during this upgrade, but KEET engineers are committed to minimizing impact and keeping the public informed.
“These changes, while difficult, ensure that KEET can remain a vital part of the Redwood Coast’s media landscape,” says Gordon. “We remain dedicated to providing high-quality programming, lifelong learning resources, and public service to all our viewers.”

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Monday, September 15	00.00	48.81	48.37	39.95
Tuesday, September 16	00.00	48.81	48.37	39.97
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Thursday, September 18	00.01	48.84	48.39	40.02
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by Margie E. Burke

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ACROSS

1 Sandpaper grade

5 _____ Domingo

10 Scrub up, e.g.

14 Footnote word

15 Fingerprint feature

16 Big name in jeans

17 Popped up again

19 "Terrible" ruler

20 Barbie doll maker

21 Reaches, as a goal

23 Hunches

26 Docility

29 Decorating themes

32 "How sweet ____!"

33 Stop for gas

35 Playskool product

36 Homer's son, et al.

38 Tenement pest

39 Discontinued Toyota line

41 Car accessory

42 "Be quiet!"

45 Not duped by

46 Make queasy

48 Like some marriages

50 Irregularity

52 Army officer

54 Kitchen filters

58 Quite often

59 Boardwalk cooler

62 Overabundance

63 Cherished

64 Coastal bird

65 Word before chair or street

66 Plumber's gadget

67 Wall frame part

DOWN

1 Mattress option

2 Notion

3 Not on the rocks

4 Closest to vacant

5 Be horribly hot

6 "Just as I thought!"

7 Neither partner

8 Grab the tab

9 Antiquated

10 Yielding

11 Taking another look at

12 "Westworld" star _____ Rachel Wood

13 Bowler's targets

18 Brown alternative

22 Workshop items

24 Manual readers

25 Old Persian capital

26 "In the Heat of the Night" detective

27 Pong maker

28 Extraordinary

30 "Shiloh" author

31 Shelly

34 Church council

37 One-eighty

37 Hollywood Martin

40 Says OK

43 Shows for the first time

44 Act as chair-person

47 Type of pine

49 Where Bhutan is

51 "Tiny Dancer" singer

52 Hamster's home

53 Earthenware pot

55 Nam lead-in

56 Shade of beige

57 Put in the mail

60 "Selma" director

61 DuVernay

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Avelo bails out early

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
HUMBOLDT – Avelo Airlines has informed Humboldt County officials that they will discontinue service between the California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport (ACV) and the Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) earlier than expected.
In July 2025, Avelo announced that service from ACV to BUR would be discontinued in December because they will be closing their East Coast operations. Avelo has now informed the county that its last flights between ACV and BUR will now end Monday, Oct. 20. Travelers will be notified about the changes to their flight reservations and refund options. Avelo customers should visit aveloair.com or call (346) 616-9500 if they are in need of customer support.
United Airlines will continue to offer flights out of ACV to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Denver.
Beginning March 12, 2026, Breeze Airways will offer new nonstop air service between ACV to BUR and connecting service to Provo Airport (PVU). Flights are scheduled to run Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Travelers can book their flights on Breeze Airways now at FlyBreeze.com.
For more information on the California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport and the Humboldt County Department of Aviation, visit FlyACV.com.

Seeds of Change apps open

NORTH COAST CO-OP
ARCATA – North Coast Co-op invites 501(c)3 tax-exempt, local non-profit organizations and federally recognized tribal governments to apply for its Seeds for Change Round-up Program.
Seeds for Change is a community giving opportunity that allows Co-op members and customers to round up their Co-op purchases to the nearest dollar with those extra cents given directly to local organizations working to better our community.
Each month, a different member-selected recipient will receive the roundups collected in the store that month. This program is a simple but powerful way for the Co-op to engage its members and shoppers in fulfilling the international cooperative principle of caring for the community. The year 2026 will mark the programs seventh year and as of July 2025, the program has contributed over half a million dollars (\$558,662) to our community!
Applications to participate in this program in 2026 are available now through September 30. All qualified applicants will be put on a list for a member vote. The top nine organizations selected by the Co-op's membership will be announced in early December. For information and to download the application go to northcoast.coop/seedsforchange.

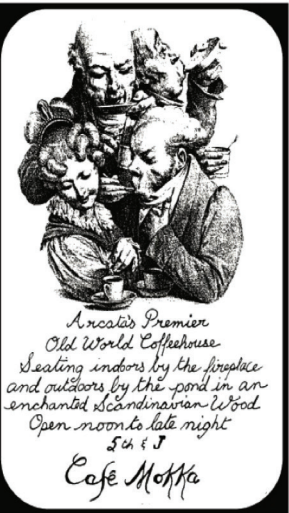
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LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION At the last Annual California Retired Teachers Association State Convention, local retired teacher Lynn McKenna was presented with the Ruth Q. de Prida Award, given to a member who exemplifies the values of leadership and dedication. Ruth Q. de Prida spent over 50 years supporting causes for children, public education, teachers and retirees. Pictured are Lynn and Area 10 Government Relations Committee Representative Tony Diaz. PHOTO VIA ADELENE JONES

CR's 34th Science Night

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS
EUREKA – College of the Redwoods will hold its 34th annual Science Night Friday, Oct. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is an exploration of all the fascinating ways science, math, and technology shape our world.
Faculty and staff alike will be showcasing demonstrations, experiments and hands-on activities for kids of all ages and accompanying adults. This is an indoor and outdoor event.
Activities include but are not limited to: Potato Canon Robot; Fire Fighting Hydraulics and Behavior; Fin-Tastic Prints: Exploring Fish Through Gyotaku Art; Chemistry Magic Show; Making Inside-Out Ice Cream; and Ride the Virtual Reality Roller Coaster.
Free parking and admission. The CR Café & Food Lab will be open and serving meals with kid-friendly options available.

PASTELS ON THE PLAZA takes place Saturday, Oct. 4 on the Arcata Plaza. Since 1987, Northcoast Children's Services has teamed up with local sponsors and talented artists to turn the sidewalks of the Arcata Plaza into a vibrant outdoor gallery. Artists begin their work s at about 8:30 a.m. Local businesses and sponsors purchase squares of sidewalk, and generous artists donate their time and talent to transform each one into a stunning pastel masterpiece. The result? A kaleidoscope of color that brings joy to many and supports a vital cause. Every square drawn helps fund preschool, childcare, and other resources for over 600 children and families in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Sponsor a square, volunteer your artistry, or simply come out and enjoy the magic. Artists and sponsors can register online at ncs-headstart.org/pastels-on-the-plaza/.

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Jail-bound narcotics nabbed

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
BLUE LAKE – On Sept. 17, 2025, at approximately 2:39 a.m. a Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputy conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle in the 1400 Block of Glendale Drive in Blue Lake. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 59-year-old Brandi Lynn Manjarrez of Loleta who was on active probation for three counts of felony narcotic-related offenses.
Per the terms and conditions of her probation, Manjarrez was subject to search at any time and was not to use, possess, traffic drugs or associate with drug users or traffickers. During this investigation deputies determined she was in violation of her probation, and she was arrested and transported the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for processing and booking.
During this process a body scan revealed she had an object concealed in a body cavity. She was then transported to a local hospital for medical clearance.
While at the hospital Manjarrez was found to be in possession of narcotics. After medical clearance she was transported to the HCCF and booked on charges of:
• Possess/Purchase for sale narcotics/controlled substance
• Smuggle controlled substance into jail
• Possession of drug paraphernalia
• Resist/Obstruct/Delay Peace Officer
• Violation of Probation
• Possession of narcotics/ controlled substance
This case is still under investigation.



DISRUPTION Haugen approaches the council. IMAGE VIA YOUTUBE

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – On Wednesday Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m., the Arcata Police Department arrested 36-year-old Fresno resident Shaine Scott Haugen for disrupting an Arcata City Council meeting.
Haugen approached City Council members on the dais during the meeting and had to be restrained by a city staff member. Haugen physically assaulted that staff member before being taken to the ground.
A uniformed police officer assigned to the meeting, and the staff member struggled to subdue Haugen as he fought with them on the City Council Chamber floor. Several more officers responded, and together they were able to safely take Haugen into custody.
Haugen was initially contacted by the officer for drinking from a partially consumed 40-ounce bottle of beer, with a piece of paper protruding from the top, which resembled a Molotov cocktail. This item was confiscated by the officer before Haugen approached the dais.
Haugen was in possession of a Nerf gun with the handle painted black, which was protruding from the front of his body as he approached the dais. A search incident to arrest revealed Haugen was also in possession of a butterfly knife, pepper spray and a methamphetamine pipe.
Haugen was booked and lodged at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on the following felony and misdemeanor charges:
• Disrupting a Public Meeting
• Resisting an Executive Officer with Force
• Assault & Battery
• Felon in Possession of Tear Gas
• Possession of a Switch Blade Knife
• Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Council | Common ground

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and potentially violent.
“I don’t feel safe around Zionists,” said Shannon Townsend-Bettis on a call-in comment. “I know that they would kill me and my children if they had an opportunity to. So I feel very unsafe around Arcata sometimes.”
“I want to make a comment about why Jews are not there,” said Deborah Kallick on a call-in comment. “The *keffiyahs* [Middle Eastern scarf/headresses worn by some Palestinian activists at the meeting] that you see represent murder and torture to Jews. That’s why more Jews do not attend.”
The majority of citizen comments, both during the meeting and in written correspondence, supported passage of the two measures.
Councilmember Sarah Schaefer presented possible revisions to her draft letter, including one that specifically mentioned “ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people.”
Councilmember Meredith Matthews said she supported the original draft letter. “My job is to represent my whole community, and this is what I’m comfortable with,” she said.
Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar said keeping the original verbiage could bring unanimous

approval, where more detailed language could bring a less compelling split vote.
She noted the conflicting voices in the community, and lauded both Schaefer and Matthews for making difficult compromises from two different perspectives.
“I think this is a great example of working together and finding common ground,” Atkins-Salazar said.
On a motion by Matthews, seconded by Councilmember Kimberley White, the letter was unanimously approved.
Atkins-Salazar, who authored the resolution Gaza relief resolution, said that Arcata’s influence in the matter is limited, but “this is what we *can* do.”
“It’s about food and aid,” she said, “To me, it’s really hard to argue against asking food and aid to be sent.”
Schaefer wanted a clause added urging a halt to sales of arms to Israel, but that didn’t gain support, nor did a similar revision proposed by White. Stillman mentioned starvation and violence in other countries and wanted it addressed, but that was deferred for possible future consideration.
Atkins-Salazar said she supported the resolution “as is,” and on a motion by Schaefer, seconded by Atkins-Salazar, it passed 5-0.

Walk and wag with sweet socialites Mig and Goldie

Last weekend we had a wonderful time at the adoption event hosted by our friends at the Coldwell Banker Sellers Realty office in Arcata.
The perfect location, right off the Plaza, insured we had lots of folks stopping to visit and meet our adoptable dogs. Over the course of the four hours, we had nine dogs from the shelter and Redwood Pals strutting their stuff!
Venus was the star for the first half. She’s hard to miss – a big, beautiful, 85- pound girl with a huge drooly head! She won the heart of one of our local police officers and we hope her adoption is imminent. The other dogs were all fantastic.
Check out either the Redwood Pals Rescue Facebook page or the Humboldt County Animal Shelter Facebook page to see photos of all the dogs at the event.
Two of the dogs that were new to the event circuit were Mig and Goldie. If the event doesn’t result in adoptions for these two, then they will definitely be appearing again! They were wonderful ambassadors for the shelter.
Mig was his usual charming self. From the very first volunteer comments upon his arrival in June, everyone says he really should have been named “Happy.” Mig always has a huge smile on his face and loved meeting all the



people and dogs at the adoption event. He took a stroll around the block and everyone who saw him couldn’t help but smile themselves! He even exchanged some kisses with the puppies at the Two Rivers booth.
When Mig had met everyone at our event, he got to go take a stroll down to the Marsh. His volunteer reported that he did fantastic navigating the festive commotion on the streets. At the marsh Mig had a great time. He met several more dogs that he wanted to play with and loved all the sights. He loved watching the birds and trying to catch the flies buzzing around the grassy areas. Mig has also taken previous



trips to the beach and the forest. His helpers always say what a great companion he is and all mentioned how well he rides in the car – sitting up in the backseat like he was enjoying being chauffeured!
Mig is about 3 years old, neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, tested for heartworm, and weighs in at about 55 pounds. If you are looking for a happy companion that will keep you smiling, please come meet Mig.
Our other dog making her event debut is Goldie. Goldie is about 4 years old and weighs in at around 52 pounds. Goldie is very social!
She enjoyed meeting everyone at the event and showed no signs of getting

tired or needing a break from the excitement. Like Mig, she did great with all the new people and dogs. They both met lots of children also and were politely behaved.
Goldie is a gentle girl and walks nicely on the leash. She enjoys treats and attention but has showed little interest in toys. She enjoyed the car ride to Arcata and was an easy companion for the afternoon. As the event was wrapping up, Goldie clearly felt it was too soon.
We don’t think this girl will be at the shelter long so come meet her today. Goldie is spayed, microchipped, vaccinated and tested for heartworm. She is at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, as is Mig.
Appointments and information is available at (707) 840-9132. The shelter is now open Monday through Saturday and is located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville, near the airport.

Town Center | Central Avenue re-do still debated

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Supporters of the road diet say it will make Central Avenue safer, more appealing to walkers and bicyclists, and is key to creating a Main Street atmosphere.
Those who oppose it say it’s unrealistic given current and future traffic volumes, will create back-ups and hinder emergency vehicles.
Ford said of 73 letters, many expressed opposition to the road diet, with 31 flatly against it. Commissioners also voiced concerns.
Commissioner Peggy O’Neill said the redesign of Central Avenue shouldn’t be considered in a vacuum and a broader look at traffic circulation is needed to determine if it can work.
The Central Avenue question was a predominant element of the hearing’s public comment period.
McKinleyville resident and former State Senator Wesley Chesbro strongly supports the plan’s traffic-calming measures.
He described a harrowing incident where a car narrowly missed two teenagers in a crosswalk, arguing that “the inconvenience of an extra minute or two to get into the shopping center” shouldn’t override the safety of community members, including those with disabilities.
The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) finalized its review of the plan on Sept. 10 and division over Central Avenue was partially resolved with the removal of landscaping from bicycle lane buffers to allow utility work.
The McKMAC’s support of that al-

ternative wasn’t unanimous and Mary Burke, the committee’s chair, told commissioners it “reflects that our community has divergent needs and concerns” but “there’s greater agreement in the community that Central Avenue needs to be made safer.”
Colin Fiske of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities recounted his own frightening experiences bicycling Central Avenue and said its current design is unsafe and not conducive to a thriving business district.
But Randy Sundberg of the GR Sundberg, Inc. paving and construction company said that during a recent water main replacement on Central Avenue the closure of one lane resulted in “more complaints than any other job I’ve ever been on” with “traffic backed up clear to (the Bella Vista Motel) at rush hour.”
He volunteered to have one of his crews “cone a lane off” on Central Avenue for a week to show how traffic flow is affected “so you guys can make a more informed decision on this road diet deal.”
Longtime McKinleyville Community Services District Boardmember Dennis Mayo also urged reconsideration of the road diet, calling it “the worst thing we can do for this community” and saying it will cause “a bottleneck” impacting other streets.
Other areas of disagreement included the plan’s management of wetlands.
Development within wetland areas is allowed but mitigation must “fully offset” impacts.
McKinleyville Community Plan

policy language on developing new parcels with wetlands is “written in an interesting way,” Ford said. “It says no land use or development shall be permitted in wetland areas which degrade the wetland or detract from the natural resource value on newly-created parcels.”
He added the only parcel the policy applies to is the Life Plan Humboldt senior housing project site. If onsite wetland impacts are adequately offset by restoration “that is allowable and consistent with the McKinleyville Community Plan,” he continued.
Kelley Garrett, a retired environmental planner, criticized “the county’s hollow promises and regulatory gymnastics,” saying wetland protections are being “gutted” in contradiction to the McKinleyville Community Plan.
But after the lengthy public comment period, the Central Avenue issue emerged as the only one with debate potential among commissioners.
O’Neill said more information is needed on the road diet approach “so we don’t create a mess,” a view shared by Commission Chair Iver Skavdal.
Commissioner Thomas Mulder said he sees a pared-down Central Avenue as “a challenge” but allowed that a traffic study might show that it can work.
The commission voted to recommend making Central Avenue redevelopment contingent on further study and to otherwise approve the plan and its EIR.
The recommendation also includes coordination with the McKMAC on the study and work on Central Avenue redesign.

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who reviewed the findings of the study. The first portion of his review covered a lot of what the AFD Board already knows – the history, assets, capabilities and duties of the district.
The first sign of official misgivings came about a half-hour into Rocha’s PowerPoint talk, when Boardmember Randy Mendosa asked him what part of the report he was talking about. “This is a presentation, this is not the report,” Rocha said.
“I thought you were going to help us work with the report,” Mendosa replied. He later called the report “confusing,” and Rocha’s differently-formatted presentation unhelpful in navigating and distilling the important points among the vast morass of data in the 281-page report.
The report lands on multiple recommendations, noting that they hinge on a vastly improved funding structure for AFD, which is presently limping along underfunded for not just

its present public safety challenges, but the expected major housing and other developments to come.
Recommendations include updating the 2019-vintage Strategic Plan, developing a Master Plan, establishing a capital improvement and replacement program, expanding public education, adding training staff, creating a Community Risk Reduction Plan, regionalizing fire and emergency services, better outcome tracking, long-range financial planning, renewal of special taxes and assessments, impact/mitigation fees, a possible first responder fee, creation of an Enhance Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) and more.
(Read the report at [arcatafire.org](https://arcatafire.org/watch?v=FAAjLqczjYM&t=398s), and view the meeting at youtube.com/watch?v=FAAjLqczjYM&t=398s.)
Rocha reviewed AFD’s funding structure, which relies heavily on property and parcel taxes. But the all-important Measure F, passed in 2020, sunsets in 2030, setting up another

potential funding collapse.
A recommended special tax could stabilize funding, but should be attempted only after an extensive public education campaign. A diversified revenue strategy, renewal or replacement of Measure F before 2030, plus an indexed benefit assessment were also urged.
Mendosa lamented that Measure F didn’t foresee the potential housing boom made possible by the Gateway Area Plan, nor Cal Poly Humboldt’s massive new residence halls. “That kind of caught us off guard,” he said.
Boardmember Eric Loudenslager was disappointed that AFD concerns over its inability to ensure public safety for development by Cal Poly and in the Gateway Area aren’t being acknowledged.
“I was very disappointed in the report,” he said. Later, he added, “in retrospect I did not appreciate that the scope of work did not request very specific recommendations on staffing and deployment for 4- to 7-story residential buildings. I am unwilling to point a finger at any one individual, but collectively we

blew it big time. And have wasted three-plus years.” (Read Loudenslager’s entire post-meeting comments at madriverrunion.com.)
Representatives from Cal Poly Humboldt at the meeting said they were interested in lobbying for improved funding at the state level and in other areas, including academic support.
“There is absolutely a pathway to the university being able to be a solid partner with the district and getting us where the district needs to be,” said Cris Koczera, associate vice president for Campus Resilience and Response.
Mendosa was heartened by Cal Poly’s fresh interest in the issue. “They expressed a level of understanding and concern that we had not experienced during past interactions,” he said. “That, to me, meant so much.”
By meeting’s end, Cal Poly, city and AFD officials had agreed to further pursue concrete recommendations for establishing standards of coverage and ways to fund them, possibly with use of a committee or task force.



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THIEVES HIT PARKS Since January of 2025, Redwood National and State Parks has had several metal objects stolen from the parks, including war veteran memorial plaques, donor recognition plaques, metal art sculpture objects and commonplace items such as shower drains. Pictured above are examples of the types of the metal items that were recently stolen from Jedidiah Smith Redwoods State Park, including a 20-inch bronze canoe tactile model and a 12-inch bronze Coho salmon tactile model. These items celebrate and recognize individuals and groups who have contributed to the redwood forests and include items that bring culture and inspiration into the parks, benefiting visitors and local communities. Redwood National and State Parks welcomes public assistance with this issue by being on the lookout for these items at metal recycling locations or other potential resale locations. If anyone is aware of these items being resold or has information about the burglary you are encouraged to call Ranger Greg McKisson at (707) 498-4362 or leave a tip anonymously at (707) 465-7353.

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Help develop trail system for McK’s Comm Forest

MAD RIVER UNION MCKINLEYVILLE – A McKinleyville subcommittee is seeking public input on trails in the new McKinleyville Community Forest. The McKinleyville Community Services District Trails, Infrastructure, Clean-Ups and Security Subcommittee is holding a series of upcoming meetings to hear people’s thoughts on trails. Each meeting will focus on a different user group. Hikers and dog walkers are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, Sept., 23 at 5:15 p.m. at the

MCSO Conference Room at 1656 Sutter Rd. in McKinleyville. Space is limited, so teleconferencing is encouraged. The Zoom code is 823 7786 4085. Equestrians are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 5:15 p.m. at the MCSO Conference Room at 1656 Sutter Rd. in McKinleyville. The subcommittee is also planning meetings for cyclists and dirt boarders, disc golfers and other user groups, but meeting dates have yet to be set. Written comments can be sent to comments@mckinleyvillecsd.com.

Nature Journaling with Lynn at the marsh

FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH ARCATA MARSH – On Sunday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m., Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) continues its free monthly activity, “Nature Journaling at the Marsh,” led by retired teacher and super-experienced marsh naturalist Lynn Jones. No pre-registration is required, but sessions are limited to the first 10 people to show up at the Marsh Interpretive Center. All ages are welcome, as long as participants are able to concentrate quietly for an extended period of time. Heavy rain cancels. FOAM will provide clipboards and colored pencils; participants need to bring their own paper (e.g., a notebook or journal, separate sheets) and a writing implement of their choice to jot notes. A pad to sit on or a folding chair is recommended; binoculars are optional. Wear weather-appropriate clothing, which may include a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. The goal of this

90-minute session is to sit quietly in one spot in the marsh (locations will vary), making formal and informal observations of natural surroundings, on a small or large scale. The intent is to develop sensory observation skills and curiosity and to explore relationships in nature. Each observation begins with recording the date, precise location, elevation, weather (cloud cover, wind direction, air temperature) and time (most of these can be found on a phone). Next, for 30 to 45 minutes, participants will write and/or draw observations using their various senses. Lynn will offer prompts, but observation topics can be a particular species (plant or animal), ecosystem or overall environment. Style and interpretation will vary. The session will end with a discussion about “What did this observation make you wonder?” For more information, call the Interpretive Center at (707) 826-2359.



HAPPY TRAIL The Annie & Mary Trail near Cal Poly’s Hinarr Hu Moulik residence hall. CITY OF ARCATA PHOTO

CITY OF ARCATA ARCATA – Construction is set to begin on Monday, Sept. 22 for the Arcata Annie and Mary Trail Connectivity Project. The project will add approximately 3.5 miles of paved, multi-use trail extending from the Arcata Skate Park at Sunset Avenue, north through Valley West and ending at the Mad River at Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Park 1. Key features include the installation of four bridges, one boardwalk and new striping at Giuntoli Lane and Sunset Avenue. Granite Construction has been awarded the project and will work along the southern section, between Sunset Avenue and St. Louis Road, through November 2025. The full project is expected to be completed by summer of next year. Construction hours will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with possible Saturday work from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Community members are reminded to follow all posted safety instructions and traffic control devices when traveling through the project area. For more information, visit cityofarcata.org or call (707) 825-2128



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Humboldt’s Hidden Critters (yes, bugs)

FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH ARCATA MARSH – On Wednesday, Oct. 1, join Kevin Huntley for a free lecture titled “Humboldt’s Hidden Critters: What the Heck Is an Insect?!” This one-hour talk is part of the First Wednesday Lecture Series sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM). The event will be held at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center starting at 7 p.m., followed by a Q&A session. This presentation will be in-person only and not be carried via Zoom. Do you know the difference between a bug and an insect? Insects make up 80 percent of animal species, 83.5 percent of terrestrial animal biomass, and most people don’t know what they are called. Through creating the largest insect collection of Humboldt species that currently exists, Kevin has gained a unique understanding of Humboldt’s ecosystem. His mission is to inspire and enrich people’s lives through a basic understanding of insects. He also will explain their role in lo-



BUGGED Kevin Huntley. FOAM PHOTO cal topics such as restoring wild salmon populations and coastal restoration programs. Kevin has been researching the insect kingdom his entire life. His passion for these amazing animals has led him to develop several public education programs. His first program was developed with great success in 2013 for Wyndham in Sedona, Arizona. He has been recognized by California State Parks, where he was allowed to create new insect programs starting in summer 2024, and is now an independent speaker.



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Adopt the McK Town Center plan

Dear Planning Commission Members and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As a resident and property owner in McKinleyville I am writing to ask you to vote to adopt the McKinleyville Town Center Plan as approved by the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC), including traffic calming for Central Ave and the higher housing densities that the Plan proposes.

First, let me address traffic calming, by describing one of the most terrifying driving experiences I've ever had in over 50 years as a driver. A few months ago I was driving up Central Avenue in the right-hand lane driving north. As I approached a crosswalk the pedestrian crossing flashing lights went off as two teenagers entered the crosswalk so I stopped for them.

As the two pedestrians stepped into the crosswalk I looked in my rearview mirror and saw a vehicle in the left lane proceeding at full speed. As I was blocking their view, the kids appeared to not see the approaching car and the driver to my left clearly did not see the teens.

As I panicked trying to decide in seconds what if anything I could do, the other car flew past missing those kids by inches. A moment's difference and I would have been witness to two tragic pedestrian deaths.

OPINION

❖ LETTERS

There is no reason why the main thoroughfare through the center of our town needs to be as wide as U.S. Highway 101 as it passes through Eureka on South Broadway. Four traffic lanes together with an extremely wide center turn lane create a dangerous crossing for children, our elders and people with disabilities.

My wife is one of a number of McKinleyville residents who due to their disabilities must use mobility devices to navigate our community. She uses an electric scooter and we have a neighbor up the street who is confined to a power chair and regularly travels up Central. All of these individuals face major challenges to their safety when they cross Central Avenue.

When compared to their safety and that of kids, moms pushing baby carriages and our elders, having the inconvenience of an extra minute or two to reach the shopping center should pale by comparison.

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I also strongly support the higher density housing designation that the McKMAC has proposed. Along with the Life Plan Humboldt/Humboldt Commons senior housing project, the Town Center Plan housing proposal will help to meet Humboldt County's pressing housing needs while creating a more vibrant business environment for downtown McKinleyville.

The Municipal Advisory Committee has put in years of work and public discussion. The Town Center Plan offers a balanced and well thought out vision for the future of McKinlyville.

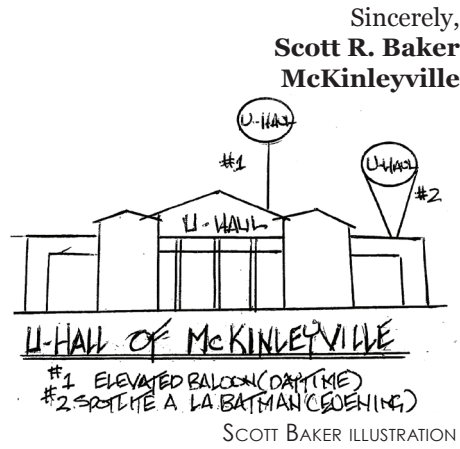
Sincerely,,
Wesley Chesbro
Retired California State Senator and resident of **McKinleyville**

U-Haul oversigned

When I received the latest edition of the *Mad River Union*, I was surprised and pleased to find the police reports once again. It certainly reinforces the fact that Arcata has more than its share of characters.

At first thought the article about the U-Haul in McKinleyville was from your April Fools edition. U-Haul presently has the maximum amount of signage without a special permit, and now they are requesting 22 more signs.

If customers cannot find the U-Haul yard with the existing signage, they should not only not be able to rent a vehicle, let alone be allowed on any traveled way. I've included a couple of options that should be looked at.



Trinidad challenges, even redefines the human capacity for fun-having

Saturday, Sept. 27 brings all-day festivities all around Trinidad. National Public Lands Day will be observed by the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust as TCLT invites anyone with sturdy shoes, gloves and a will to work hard at Pulling Together Trinidad, a chance to pull ivy on public lands all over Trinidad. Meet for check-in at the TCLT office, 380 Janis Ct., at 8:30 a.m. Orientation is at 9 a.m. English ivy pulling starts at 9:15 a.m. Go to trinidad-coastallandtrust.org to sign up.

The Second Annual Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria Ner-er-nerh Days, celebrating Coastal Tribal Heritage, takes place at Trinidad Harbor between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The event will feature local Native American cultural dance presentations, Brush Dance demonstration, traditional stick game tournament, craft vendors selling local jewelry, clothing, art and more, food vendors featuring Frybread Love and more, live music by Irie Rockerz playing reggae music, a children's play area with

bouncy house, face painting and games. Visit the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse, where Trinidad Civic Club representatives will welcome visitors. Contact James at (707) 382-8138 for information.

Next, check out the Greater Trinidad Chamber of Commerce Fourth Annual Fisherman's Feast from noon to 5 p.m. at the school grounds and Town Hall on Trinity Street. Local Albacore, crafts, skate park, beverages, live music by Kingfoot and Blue Lotus Jazz. In Trinidad Town Hall, Trinidad Civic Club's Dessert Cafe will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. along with an Artisan Faire (vendors may still sign up for this by calling (707) 677-3655) from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. during Trinidad Art Night. Meal tickets are \$25 on Sept. 27 or purchase pre-sale tickets at \$20 each by going to bit.ly/fishfeast25.

Keep on walking around Trinidad for more music, art, food and cheer at venues all

over town during the last Trinidad Art Night of the season from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (some times vary). Ticket to Ride will play at Saunders Plaza East. Jade Bamboo will be set up for face painting. Toni Magyar's paintings are exhibited at Lighthouse Grill. Matt Brody's acrylic paintings are on view at Headies Pizza & Pour. Trinidad Museum, 400 Janis Ct., is observing the 250th year since the Spanish landing in the harbor and the claiming of Trinidad for King Carlos III of Spain on June 11, 1775. It was the first European contact with the Yurok people of Tsurai Village. The museum offers five rooms of exhibits and a Native Plant Garden for strolling. Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, 380 Janis Ct., is celebrating the marinescapes of Humboldt County with plein air paintings by Paul and Nancy Rickard. Beachcomber Cafe offers music, food and libations, Revolving Sands Surf-

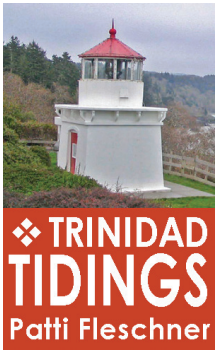
boards by local shaper Spencer Stratton and a surf-inspired art exhibition from Red Eye Laboratories from 5 to 8 p.m. Skate Ramps will be set up at Trinidad School from 10 a.m. until dusk. The Flying Oms featuring Rob Diggins and Julianne Einem promise a dynamic mix of violins, viola, guitar and vocals in Trinidad Town Hall. Trinidad Art Gallery, 490 Trinity St., has blown glass artist Matthew Gagliardi and printmaker Patricia Sundgren Smith featured, along with a wine pour benefiting Trinidad Coastal Land Trust. Trinidad Bay Eatery & Gallery, 607 Parker St., features the work of ceramics artist Soleil Goodliffe, an oyster bar, six Taps in the Gallery with local beer, cider, and plum Kombucha. Moonstone Crossing, 529 Trinity Street, has Carolyn Belak's photographs displayed. Ruby Ruth George will entertain from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Kari Hakenen in Finland
Kari Hakenen, daughter of Aaron and Jennifer Hakenen, is on an Arcata Sunrise Rotary Club exchange program in

Finland. She writes that she is taking "some really cool classes here, but they are completely in Finnish." She says that a big difference in the school system is that "we have almost five 'semester' like things. Every five weeks or so we get an entirely new schedule. All new classes, all new teachers, even the times that we have classes can switch. So that is definitely a little confusing especially when that means I have to relearn the locations of all of my classes." Kari adds that a very interesting aspect of her exchange experience is "how much of an impact US events have in other countries... everything that is happening in the States right now is practically national news over here."

Kari was an exceptional student both during her Trinidad elementary school years and in high school. No doubt that she is serving as a fine ambassador between the U.S. and Finland this school year. She promises many more details about her foreign exchange experience upon her return.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



Healthy Aging Month at the center

September is Healthy Aging Month and the McKinleyville Senior Center is joining the national celebration by encouraging older adults to embrace habits that support long, vibrant and socially connected lives.

The idea behind Healthy Aging Month is simple: aging well is about more than just adding years to life — it's about adding life to years. The Senior Center is highlighting how good nutrition, regular movement and meaningful social connections all work together to improve quality of life as we grow older.

Healthy aging isn't just about avoiding illness. It's about creating opportunities for energy, independence and joy. When seniors gather here, they're doing more than playing cards or enjoying activities. They're strengthening their bodies, sharpening their minds and lifting each other up!

Research shows that physical activity helps prevent falls, strengthens the heart and keeps joints flexible. That's why the Senior Center offers SAIL Fitness classes, tai chi and line dancing—all fun and accessible ways for participants to stay active in a supportive environment. Even light activity, done regularly, has been shown to boost balance, reduce pain and increase energy levels.

But healthy aging is not just physical—it's social and emotional, too. Isolation is one of the biggest health risks for older adults, increasing the likelihood of de-

pression and eventually physical decline. The Senior Center counters this by offering games, creative activities and group programs that bring people together. Something as simple as a shared laugh over bingo or a heartfelt conversation during crafts can have real, lasting health benefits.

The center also supports weight management and healthy living through hosting the TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Weight Loss group every Tuesday morning. The program provides accountability, education and encouragement for seniors who want to make sustainable changes in their health.

Looking ahead, the Senior Center has two important events on the calendar: a vaccine clinic with Redwood Community Pharmacy on Friday, Oct. 24, offering flu and COVID-19 shots and a Death Café on Wednesday, Nov. 5, where participants can engage in an open, respectful conversation about life, death and living well. Both events reflect The center's commitment to supporting the whole person — body, mind and spirit.

This September, like every month, The center is reminding the community that healthy aging is not a solitary journey. It thrives in the company of friends, neighbors and family.

Sometimes the healthiest thing we can do is show up; when we're together, we feel stronger!

The McKinleyville Senior Center invites all local seniors and their families to take part in Healthy Aging Month. Whether it's through exercise, social activities, or simply connecting with others, the message is clear: healthy aging is about living fully at every stage of life.

For more information and the latest weekly schedule, update each Saturday, visit fb.com/mcksenior, or feel free to call us at (707) 839-0191. See you soon!



Kate Hitt: All things print at Many Names Press

In Blue Lake there exists a unique business that is located in a nondescript garage in our neighborhood. Art, literature and the printed page have always been important to Kate Hitt of Many Names Press.

Many years ago, Hitt was one of the first women undergraduates allowed into Thomas Jefferson's all male University of Virginia. She explains, "While attending school there I had a job in the library shelving British literature in the stacks because I was majoring in English. In the basement of the library, behind a square of chain-link fence, stood the University printing press. I used to get goosebumps every time I passed that magnificent, dark, lonely enigma. How did it work? What made it tick?"

That encounter laid the groundwork for Kate's journey into the world of letter press and book publishing.

When Hitt graduated with a BA in English from college in 1979, she hitchhiked with a friend across the country and ended up in Moscow, Idaho. It was a very brutal winter. She had a friend that was moving to Humboldt County that needed help in the move. This was Kate's opportunity to move to a more temperate climate and be by the ocean.

She got a job at the Humboldt County Office of Education in the print shop. An Army vet who was the head printer taught her the basics of printing. Her career trajec-



tory then took her to Kinko's in Arcata where she worked as a printing press operator. In 1983 she took a job at Arcata's Bug Press where she got a real taste of the basics and foundations of printing.

In search of more money, Hitt moved to the Monterey Bay area in 1989 where she worked as a "Tramp Printer" which entailed working for several different shops at the same time, all the while honing her printing skills.

She became a member of the Let-terpress Chappel of Santa Cruz, an internationally renowned group of printers, fine hand bookbinders and paper-makers operating letterpresses which utilize lead-type and photo-etched engravings.

Hitt stated, "In 1992, I began my own business called Many Names Press while living in Corralitos in the Santa Cruz mountains. I named it so

because I couldn't decide on any one name. It suits my desire to maintain a Pantheist's view of the Earth and maintain its ecological balance. I was there for 27 years while I mastered my craft."

Hitt now calls Blue Lake home. As for here future plans she states, "I want to continue my craft in the field of printing, editing, book layout and design, photography, digital imaging and publishing. I continue to be an advocate for anti-censorship and the empowerment of women."

She is currently working on a book of poetry called *The Patient Driver: Home Poems and Images from the School Bus Seat*.

This book is a culmination of the almost 15 years she spent as a school bus driver and the conversations she had with the children of farm workers in the Monterey Bay area during that time.

For additional information go to ManyNamesPress.com or email Kate at khitt@manynamespress.com.



THE CLAIRE BENT JAZZ QUINTET performs Thursday, Sept. 25 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. The Claire Bent Jazz Quartet, led by Humboldt County's princess of soul, joins her band playing their jazz, funk and R&B dance tunes. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over.

PHOENIX HALLING performs Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Solo acoustic performer offering an eclectic blend of folk, blues and Americana, with elements of jazz and reggae on occasion. Show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over.

DIVA BURLESQUE PRESENTS Renegade Revue with Glitz and Glamour Burlesque will take place Friday, Sept. 26 at the EXIT Theatre at 890 G St., second floor, Arcata. With local performers curated by Tiny Tr2ntup featuring Felix Flex, Dixon Lips, PinkPeaches, Princx Switchblade, Alora Devora, Karma, Mx Tigrizz and Tiny Tr2n-

Author talk at NT Books

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ARCATA – Northtown Books, at 957 H St. in Arcata, welcomes Bridget A. Lyons to present her new book *Entwined: Dispatches from the Intersection of Species* on Friday,. Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.
Entwined is a collection of fourteen original essays by Lyons, a traveler, explorer, and former wilderness guide who has encountered countless animals and plants in their native environments.
Set in locations ranging from Alaska and California to Mexico and Honduras, Lyons's stories are braided with careful observation, scientific research, and wonder to foster the connection between us and our nonhuman neighbors.

ESTATE SALE

I’m Still Alive Estate Sale takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26 and Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7839 Berta Road in the Elk River neighborhood.

tup. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$20 cash only at the door. (415) 203-2516, *theexit.org*

YACHT BLOODED performs Friday, Sept. 26 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Join Captains Marcello Love, Max Satisfaction, Little Richard, Sam Diego and Cutter plus the Flying Dutchman as these hot seamen serenade you with smooth, mellow hits from a simpler, shallower and more mustachioed time. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$10 at the door.

OAK TOP performs Friday, Sept. 26 at the Logger, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake. Local bluegrass and Americana from Oak Top, Michael Hagen's solo singer/songwriter project. Show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over.

STEVE JOHNSON performs Friday, Sept. 26 at Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central

Ave., McKinleyville. Steve Johnson performs an assortment of rock 'n' roll and blues, in addition to covers. Show starts at 6 p.m. All ages.

FLEETWOOD MACRAME performs Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St., Arcata. Fleetwood Macramé has become one of the Bay Area's most exciting tribute bands, taking what began as a simple exercise in fun and turning it into an awe-inspiring live experience complete with show-stopping renditions of Fleetwood Mac's greatest hits. Audience participation is encouraged. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$30 in advance and at the door.

THE BUMP FOUNDATION performs Saturday, Sept. 27 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby's Storehouse, Arcata. Humboldt County's homegrown Bump Foundation plays originals and also classics from funk, soul, jazz and rock 'n' roll. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the

OBITUARY

Brent Twoomey, June 16, 1950 – Aug. 28, 2025

Brent Twoomey, Humboldt County horticultural entrepreneur, Rolling Stones super-fan, and fierce protector of Northern California's natural resources, passed away on Aug. 28 in Tiburon after a long illness. He was 75.
Born June 16, 1950, in Lincoln, Nebraska, Brent was the third of four sons of Frances and Vincent Twoomey. The family eventually settled in Marin County in the early 1960s, where Brent came of age during the height of the counter-culture.
Brent graduated from Redwood High in 1968, working numerous jobs while immersing himself in the music and spirit of the era. He saw Janis Joplin grocery shopping and went to 50 Rolling Stones concerts, including Altamont, as well as countless Van Morrison shows. Brent was a familiar face at Marin's iconic Lion's Share, where Bill Champlin's Sons of Champlin often played.
In the 1970s, Brent moved north with his brother Bruce, drawn to the beauty of Trinidad and the surrounding redwood forests and to attend Humboldt State University. He became a developer, one who believed in blending structures with the natural environment. His work to

protect the Mill Creek Watershed was one of his proudest accomplishments.
Through the late 1970s and 80s, Brent and his brothers expanded transportation services in the region, supporting the public, tourism, and the safe movement of federal and state firefighters. Later, his entrepreneurial spirit led to the creation of the Humboldt Composting Company and the Guano Company, pioneering fertilizer and plant nutrition products that became staples of the local economy.
Beyond work, Brent gave back to his community, planting rhododendrons, advocating for civic improvements, and hiking every Redwood National and State Parks trail. In later years, he found peace in Washington's San Juan Islands, where he delighted in the Madrona trees, deer, orcas, and sunsets over Haro Strait.



Brent made friends wherever he went and will be remembered for his humor, generosity, and vision. He is survived by his brother, Brad, of Trinidad, and by Sarah Mae Galligan, his devoted companion and confidant, and her daughters, Cocora and Lotus Low, whom he adored and with whom he shared many precious years of his life.
Brent also leaves behind his extended family at Guano Co., a dedicated team that worked alongside him to carry forward the legacy of his lifelong passion for cultivation, stewardship, and the natural world.
A Celebration of Life will be held on October 18 at the Trinidad Town Hall from 1 to 7 p.m. Further information is available by emailing celebration@guano.co
Donations to continue Brent's environmental work can be made at his page at the Save the Redwoods League.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
25-00508
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
AMPT SKATE SHOP
1040 H ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
P.O. BOX 1027
BLUE LAKE, CA 95525
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
BARBARA J. RUSSELL
P.O. BOX 1027
BLUE LAKE, CA 95525
This business is conducted by:
AN INDIVIDUAL,
BARBARA RUSSELL
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Sept. 16, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
25-00500
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
K&M FARM
14352 MAPLE CREEK ROAD
KORBEL, CA 95550
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MAURA Q. RASMUSSEN
1452 F ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
KERRY RASMUSSEN
835 JENSEN DRIVE
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by:
A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP,
MAURA RASMUSSEN
OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Sept. 9, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
25-00497
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LOVE BEADS, HUMBOLDT'S KITCHEN
1392 SUNSET AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
MMW LLC
CA202357817333
1392 SUNSET AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by:
A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
MELISSA WYATT,
OWNER
PRESIDENT/MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Sept. 8, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JC/DEPUTY CLERK
9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
25-00479
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
YIN RITUALS
791 8TH ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
1018 LARRY ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
ALYSSA MELODY
791 8TH ST. SUITE 6
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by:
AN INDIVIDUAL,
ALYSSA MELODY,
BUSINESS OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on AUG. 28, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
JR/DEPUTY CLERK
9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
25-00498
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
HUMBOLDT COMMONS
1585 HEARTWOOD DRIVE, SUITE B
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
LIFE PLAN HUMBOLDT
CA 4551613
1585 HEARTWOOD DRIVE, SUITE B
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by:
A CORPORATION,
MARC CHATON,
BOARD TREASURER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on SEPT. 2, 2025
JUAN P. CERVANTES
SC/DEPUTY CLERK
9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/3

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
COURTNEY NICKOLS
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV2501809
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
A. Present name: **TERREL TIMOTHY PRUDHOMME**
A. To Proposed name: **TERREL TIMOTHY NICKOLS**
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: OCT. 10, 2025
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.
3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: Aug. 25, 2025
TIMOTHY CANNING
Judge of the Superior Court
9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: CV2501792
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTER-

EST IN THE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE
YOU ARE BEING SUE
BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): MARIA FREDLUND RICHARDS
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.
NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is ((El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Humboldt Superior Court 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
demandante si no tiene abogado, son):
Neal G. Latt SBN 294409
LATT LAW GROUP, APC
350 E Street, Suite 308 Eureka, California 95501
Telephone (707) 908-9088
Meara Hattan, Clerk Deputy, JACK F.
Date: AUG. 21, 2025
9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RODNEY MERLE SIEVERS
CASE NO.: PR2500228
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:
RODNEY MERLE SIEVERS
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: BRYAN SIEVERS in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: BRYAN SIEVERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: SEPT. 25, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dept.: 4
Room: 4
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov> FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
ARTHUR NIELSEN
NIELSEN CASHMAN & DEAN
2850 HARRIS ST.

EUREKA, CA 95503
(707) 269-0167
9/10, 9/17, 9/24

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
Case Name: MEL-ODY KRAMER, AKA BABY GIRL KRAMER
Case No. JV2400063
1. To: EMILY KRAMER, and anyone claiming to be a parent of Melody Kramer, AKA Baby Girl Kramer, born on 05/01/2024, at Jarod Phelps Hospital, Garberville, CA.
2. A hearing will be held on December 17, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
ATTORNEY FOR: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
SCOTT A. MILES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL #262695
DANIEL A. CLARK III, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL #361034
825 FIFTH STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 (707) 445-7236
DATE: September 09, 2025
Meara Hatten, CEO, Clerk, by Kiera Wolff
9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8

PIANO CONCERT WITH VLADISLAV KERN The Cal Poly Humboldt Department of Dance, Music and Theatre presents Cal Poly Humboldt Recital Series: Vladislav Kern, piano, a concert featuring one of the great young pianists in the world today. Join us Saturday, Sept. 27 7:30 p.m. at the Fulkerson Recital Hall at Cal Poly Humboldt. Tickets are \$20 general, \$5 for children and Cal Poly Humboldt students with ID.

Dr. Daniela Mineva, Director of Keyboard Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt, encourages everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to see one of classical music's brightest young performers. "We are extremely excited to have Vladislav with us. He is a magnificent player and his program is spectacular. Vladislav is also a poet who has published his first book and now he is working on a second one. He is an incredible improvisator, and I hope we will have the opportunity to hear his fantastic improvisations." The program for the evening includes *Sonata #3 in F minor, op. 5* by Johannes Brahms, *Chaconne in D minor, BWV 1004* by Johann Sebastian Bach arranged for solo piano by Ferruccio Busoni, *Dreamworld* composed by Vladislav Kern himself, *Paraphrases* by Grigory Ginzburg, *Largo al Factotum (Paraphrase on Gioachino Rossini)* and *In the Hall of the Mountain King* (Paraphrase on Edvard Grieg)



Vladislav Kern.
PHOTO BY CHRIS HALL

Latin Dance Festival offers 4 days of fun

HUMBOLDT LATIN DANCE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

HUMBOLDT – Get ready to ignite your passion for dance and music at the 6th Annual Humboldt Latin Dance and Music Festival, arriving on the stunning North Coast from Thursday, Sept. 25 to Sunday, Sept. 28.

This is not just an event; it's a vibrant celebration of the electrifying rhythms and captivating dances from Cuba, the Caribbean, Africa, Brazil, Colombia and beyond.

Join us for an unforgettable four-day event that promises something for everyone, whether you're a seasoned dancer, a curious beginner, or there to soak up the incredible atmosphere! Prepare to be impressed as world-class dance professionals lead 20+ dynamic workshops and four exhilarating late-night dance parties. Get ready to move to the booty-shaking beats of live Salsa and cumbia bands, alongside energetic Latin music DJs that will keep you on your feet.

Kick off the excitement with our Welcome Party at the Vets Hall in Eureka on Thursday night, Sept. 25 featuring the sensational DJ Victor. Doors swing open at 7 p.m., so come ready to dance.

On Friday, Sept. 26 don't miss the salsa mixer party at Arcata's Redwood Raks, where local favorite Tropiqueño and guest DJ Bongo from San Francisco



FEEL THE RHYTHM Prepare to dance at the upcoming Latin Dance and Music Festival.

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co will get the crowd pumping!. Doors are open for workshops starting at 3:30 p.m.

And the excitement continues on Saturday night, Sept. 27 with the amazing local band Makenu Cumbia lighting up the stage, along with fantastic guest DJs. Experience a two-room dance party that includes a spectacular performance showcase, delicious food trucks, and a lively bar. Doors open at 8 p.m.

But that's not all! This year, we're thrilled to introduce a fabulous closing party at Havana on the Arcata Plaza, featuring the Latin Peppers on Sunday night at 7 p.m. Don't miss out on the chance to celebrate with us.

For a list of workshops, visit HumboldtLatinDance.com.



ART IN THE SEASIDE VILLAGE Left, Vessel by Matthew Gagliardi. Koi Beneath Bamboo by Patricia Sundgren Smith.

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Blown glass, prints at Trinidad gallery

TRINIDAD ART GALLERY

TRINIDAD – Trinidad Art Gallery will celebrate the work of blown glass artist Matthew Gagliardi and printmaker Patricia Sundgren Smith, with an opening reception on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us for snacks, wine pour benefiting Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, and an opportunity to meet many of the gallery's 25 local

artists.

Gagliardi has always been attracted to the fluidity of working hot glass, saying "Most of the process of blowing soft glass is spent influencing a material which is not totally in a liquid form or a solid state and tends to ebb and flow between the two. While my perception is often in a similar tidal pattern drifting between daydreams

in the etheric realms and physical reality, the process of blowing glass requires my complete attention and total focus."

He finds inspiration in geometric patterns and symmetry contained within the chaotic appearance of nature and the challenge of capturing and transforming light. Using many traditional glass making techniques and tools which have not changed much in the last thousand years, his work displays clean lines, symmetric proportions and refined craftsmanship.

Sundgren Smith has been carving linocuts for many years. One of her favorite subjects is koi and she describes her process for this new series: "I use Silkcut from Australia for my linocuts. After carving the image, I then print it on my etching press. Once the images are dry I cut Japanese papers to fit the koi representing the different markings and colorings of koi. The backgrounds are lily pads, lily flowers and bamboo. The lily pads are part of the carving process. I watercolor the pads as well as the lily pad flowers. The bamboo are left white which is actually the paper on which I'm printing."

Trinidad Art Gallery is located at 490 Trinity Street in beautiful Trinidad. trinidadartgallery.com, (707) 677-3770

SCENE

Alumni, staff shine at de Young

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT SAN FRANCISCO – Cal Poly Humboldt alumni and staff are at the heart of "Rooted in Place: California Native Art," a groundbreaking new exhibition at the de Young Museum in San Francisco that highlights Northern California's Indigenous artists.

From the beaded chair of Hupa artist and Reese Bullen and Goudi'ni Gallery Director Brittany Britton ('12, Art) to works by the late Karuk painter Brian D. Tripp ('86, Art) and others, the show underscores the lasting impact of Native art.

A folding chair made using delicate glass beadwork took its place among masterpieces at the de Young Museum. The chair, with its hand-beaded straps shimmering in the light, is the work of Britton, whose art bridges the ceremonial and the contemporary. The piece, both playful and profound, asks viewers to consider identity, heritage, and what it means to carry tradition forward in modern life.

Britton's chair is one of many works featured in "Rooted in Place," the inaugural exhibition in the newly installed Arts of Indigenous America galleries. The show explores "Relationship to Place" through the lens of California's Indigenous communities, with a special focus on the Hupa, Karuk, Tolowa, Wiyot and Yurok peoples of northwestern California.

"It's astounding to be part of this show," Britton said. "As director of the Goudi'ni, I don't normally exhibit my own work. So for me, this is rewarding – I get to be alongside the heavy hitters of our region, people like Brian Tripp and Lyn Risling. I'm grateful to be included."

Britton is not alone in representing Cal Poly Humboldt at the de Young. The gallery brims with contributions from alumni and staff who have shaped the region's Indigenous arts for decades.

Robert Benson, a leading figure in northwestern California's art community, has taught and curated Native art for more than 30 years, including close ties with Cal Poly Humboldt. A longtime College of the Redwoods professor, his work spans plein air landscapes, alder-bark dye paintings, and carved sculptures inspired by Native ceremonial designs, all rooted in deep connection to the natural world.

George Blake, a Hupa-Yurok artist awarded an honorary doctorate from Cal Poly Humboldt, will be showcased in the exhibition "Rooted in Place." He is celebrated for his diverse body of work, which includes sculpture, jewelry, regalia, and contemporary art. Notably, Blake is also one of the few individuals today who possesses the traditional skills necessary for building dugout



AT THE DE YOUNG The late Indigenous artist Brian D. Tripp ('86, Art) created the artwork "Someday You Might Have to Fight for What You Believe In," (shown on the right), which is currently displayed in the "Arts of Indigenous America" galleries at the de Young Museum in San Francisco. Tripp's work has also been showcased in the Goudi'ni Gallery. PHOTOGRAPH BY GARY SEXTON, COURTESY OF THE FINE ARTS MUSEUMS OF SAN FRANCISCO

canoes, one of which is on display in the University's Library.

Lena R. Bommelyn ('76, Social Work), a Tolowa jeweler and fashion designer, brings contemporary flair to regalia-inspired adornment, a practice she began while learning beadwork at her mother's side.

The late Brian D. Tripp, a Karuk painter, poet and activist, is represented through his striking works that combine traditional regalia motifs with powerful commentary on Indigenous rights. His paintings resonate with the same activist spirit he carried into galleries and ceremonies during his years at Humboldt.

Shoshoni Gensaw-Hostler ('18, Psychology; '20, M.S. Psychology), a Yurok regalia maker and designer, created a commissioned dentium-shell cape for the exhibition—a shimmering garment that honors ancestral artistry while asserting Native resilience in the present. Gensaw-Hostler's work was also featured in New York Fashion Week earlier this year.

Lyn Risling (M.A. '97, Social Science: Environment & Community), whose vibrant paintings weave together stories, ceremonies, and visions of renewal, continues her lifelong work of cultural revitalization, blending art with activism.

Pimm Tripp-Allen ('01, Native American Studies), a Karuk/Yurok scholar and curator, helped shape the exhibition itself, contextualizing pieces like the extraordinary baskets of master weaver Elizabeth Hickox. Pimm's husband, artist and wood carver Alme Allen, also contributed works and co-advised the show.

For Britton, who first experimented with unconventional art projects as a Humboldt student, the recognition of having her work and other Native artists' artwork at the de Young is both surreal and affirming.

"We have such a strong Native art community here in Humboldt Coun-

ty," she said. "Most of the artists in this show have either exhibited at Goudi'ni, studied here, or taught here. That's powerful—to see our community represented on such a big stage."

That community stretches back through generations. Britton's beaded chair, titled "What She Carried/what I brought," honors her great-grandmother, Winifred George, a Hupa medicine woman known for bringing a folding chair to ceremonies. Through humor and reverence, Britton reimagines the object as a vessel of memory and continuation.

Visitors to "Rooted in Place" will encounter this piece alongside monumental paintings, regalia that shimmer with shell and feather, and baskets that rival the boldest modernist designs. Together, they remind viewers that Native art is both timeless and contemporary, rooted in place yet ever adapting.

Behind the scenes, the Goudi'ni Gallery played a practical yet vital role in helping bring "Rooted in Place" to life. Because many of the featured artists live in remote communities in Humboldt County, the logistics of transporting their work to San Francisco required careful coordination.

Britton and her team at Goudi'ni helped coordinate shipping for several pieces, including works by Britton, Blake, Tripp, Gensaw-Hostler, and Risling, and loaned the de Young a necklace created by Tripp from the Risling and Julian Lang Collection.

"Can you imagine a professional art shipper trying to find someone's house up in Hoopa or Orleans?" Britton says with a laugh. "Out here, we don't have street numbers—it's more like, turn left at the white house, and it's the one with the rocks in front. People trusted us to coordinate, and that was important."

"Rooted in Place" is on display at the de Young Museum in San Francisco through December 2026.

POETRY READING IN ARCATA

The next A Reason to Listen, Humboldt's longest-running live poetry event, is happening Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at Septentrio's Barrel Room, 935 I St. in Arcata. The featured poet will be Kimi Sugioka, Poet Laureate of Alameda and author of two books of poems, most recently *Wile and Wing* (Manic D Press). Sign-ups for the open mike section of the evening begin at 6:30 p.m. Live music by

the amazing DJ Goldylocks. Live art by the inimitable Dre Meza. The cover is a sliding \$7 to \$10 at the door: cash or Venmo. Copies of Sugioka's books will be available for signing and purchase.

BACK SEAT DRIVERS

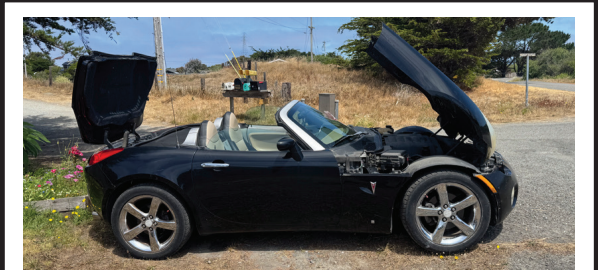
will be playing Delta/ Piedmont blues as well as hand-made topical songs at the Logger Bar in Blue Lake Thursday, Oct. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. There is no cover charge.



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